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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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- 5X - Nick, G3RWF will be active again as 5X1NH from Uganda from 23 February to 22 March. It will be a "largely holiday style operation". QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]
- FR - Jean Mary, F8CHM will be active as FR5EZ from Reunion Island (AF-016) between 22 February and 21 March. Expect activity on the HF bands and 6 metres CW and SSB. QSL via home call. [TNX F5NQL]
- I - Luigi, IV3LNQ reports he will operate again as IA3GM during the year to commemorate Guglielmo Marconi and his ship "Elettra". QSL via home call.
- KH0 - Yu, 7K3BKY will operate as AI4GN/AH0 from Saipan (OC-086) on 17-21 February, including some limited activity during the ARRL DX CW Contest. [TNX NG3K]
- LY - Eleven LY90 special event stations will be active from 16 February to 16 March to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Lithuania: LY90A (operated by LY2ZZ), LY90BFV (LY2BFV), LY90BY (LY3BY), LY90CM (LY1CM), LY90FW (LY1FW), LY90M (LY3M), LY90MM (LY2MM), LY90Q (LY4Q), LY90W (LY3W), LY90X (LY3X), LY90Y (LY2CY). [TNX LY3X]
- SM - Members of the Kungälv Radio Club (SK6NL) will be active as SF700BF during the year to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the Bohus Fortress. QSL via SK6NL. Information on the relevant award can be found at <http://www.sk6nl.com> [TNX SM6VVT]
- SV9 - Willi, DJ7RJ will be active from Crete from 25 February to 15 March. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX AA1M]
- UN - Rashad, 4J9M is still in Kazakhstan [425DXN 868] and has extended his UN/4J9M licence through 23 April. QSL via DL7EDH. [TNX 4J9M]
- V6 - Ian/K5ZM (V63ZM), Ted/K8AQM (V63TR) and Brian/KG8CO (V63OC) are active from Pohnpei Island (OC-010), Micronesia until 25 February. Look for them on CW, SSB, RTTY and maybe PSK31 on 10-160 metres, and to participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest, possibly as three single band efforts. QSL all via K5ZM. [TNX The Daily DX]
- W - The Mid Florida DX Association (<http://www.w4fdx.com/>) will operate again as N2D ("Now 2 Dan", in memory of founder and first club President Dan Manfre, W2NDP, who became a Silent Key in 2006) from Honeymoon Island (NA-034) on 23 February. Expect activity from 14 UTC until 21 UTC on 20 metres and possibly 15 and 17 metres. QSL via N2MFT. [TNX The Daily DX]
- ZS8 - Petrus Kritzinger, ZS6GCM (3Y0E) went QRT from Bouvet Island at 19.15 UTC on 9 February. However, a new adventure from a rare and remote DXCC location is just round the corner, as Petrus is expected to spend one year on Marion island (AF-021). The arrangements are in progress and a dedicated site is under construction. Further information is expected in due course. [TNX ZS6DXB]

ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the fifth Antarctic Activity Week will be held from 18 to 24 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent. Several special event callsigns from around the world are expected to take part in this year's AAW. Participating stations (QSL via operator's instructions) are announced from the following countries:

Austria	OE3AGA/AAW, OE3AIS/AAW, OE3HM/AAW, OE3KKA/AAW, OE3RPB/AAW, OE3SGA/AAW, OE3WWB/AAW
Bulgaria	LZ05ANT
Canada	VA2WAP, VA3AAO, VA3WAP, VA7AAW
England	GB0ANT, GB4IPY
France	TM5ICE, TM8ANT
Germany	DA0ANT
Indonesia	YB4IPY
Israel	4Z4DX/ANT
Italy	IA0ANT, II1ANT, II2ANT, II2EFA, II3ANT, IO0ANT, IO2ANT, IO4WAP, IP0ANT, IP0WAP, IR0ANT, IR1ANT, IR2WAP, IR6ANT, IR8PS, IR8WAP, IU8ANT
Romania	YQ2ANT
Russia	RK3DSW/ANT, UE6ANT
Spain	AO1WAP
Switzerland	HB9ICE
USA	K4A, N5T/ANT

Full information on the AAW can be found at <http://www.waponline.it>

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (CW) ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC countries as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while foreign amateurs (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE stations in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (full rules can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/intldx.html>). The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (from 00.00 UTC on 16 February through 24.00 UTC on the 17th):

Call	DXCC	QSL
4U1UN	United Nations HQ	HB9BOU
6Y1V	Jamaica	OH3RB
6Y5/VE4GV	Jamaica	VE4GV
C6AKQ	Bahamas	N4BP
C6AKU	Bahamas	K5WW
C6APG	Bahamas	K4PG
CO2WF	Cuba	N1KI
CO8TW	Cuba	HB9SVT
CT9L	Madeira	DJ6QT
CV5K	Uruguay	CX2ABC
D4C	Cape Verde	IZ4DPV
E51WWA	South Cook Islands	AD7AF
EE5E	Spain	K1DG
EA8OM	Canary Islands	DJ1OJ
EY8MM	Tajikistan	K1BV
GJ2A	Jersey	K2WR
GM7V	Scotland	M0CMK

H7/K9GY	Nicaragua	K9GY
HB0/N0MX	Liechtenstein	DJ2MX
IO4T	Italy	IZ4JMA
J7DX	Dominica	W9IU
JD1BLY	Ogasawara	JI5RPT
LX7I	Luxembourg	LX2A
NP2S	US Virgin Islands	W3HNC
PJ4?	Neth. Antilles	N4GG
PZ5WW	Suriname	K8DD
TM6M	France	F4DXW
V31WO	Belize	N7WO
V31YN	Belize	DJ4KW
V49A	Nevis & St. Kitts	V44NK
V63OC	Micronesia	K5ZM
V63TR	Micronesia	K5ZM
V63ZM	Micronesia	K5ZM
VP2VES	British Virgin Isls	AK0M
VP5/WJ20	Turks & Caicos Isl	WJ20
VP6DX	Ducie Island	DL6LAU
VP9/W6PH	Bermuda	W6PH
T32OU	East Kiribati	N7OU
XW1B	Laos	E21EIC

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2008.html> - good contest to you all!

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DXCC NEWS ---> The following operations have been approved for DXCC credit:

E4/OM2DX	Palestine	2007 Operation
J5C	Guinea-Bissau	2008 Operation
VK9WWI	Willis Island	2007 operation
YI9PT	Iraq	current operation

If you have had any cards rejected for these operations, send a note to dxcc@arrl.org to have your DXCC record updated. [TNX NC1L]

QSL FJ/OH2AM ---> Due to a printing error on the front of the full-color FJ/OH2AM card, the entire batch was rejected upon arrival in Finland. Another batch of QSLs was printed, and the first cards were mailed on 11 February. All direct requests should be out by 15 March, as the ARRL will start processing St. Barthelemy cards on 1 April. [TNX OH2BN]

QSL VIA ON4RU ---> Mar, ON4RU can confirm contacts made only with 4L1MA, SV9/ON4RU, YB1BAD and YE1AA. He is no longer the QSL manager for other stations. [TNX K1XN and The Golsit]

TOP BAND DINNER ---> The Top Band Dinner at the Visalia DX Convention will take place at the Holiday Inn Visalia on 25 April. Reservations on a first

come. first served basis must be received no later than 7 April or until sold out. A Registration/Information form can be downloaded from http://www.dxconvention.org/download/Top_Band_Dinner.pdf [TNX WB6RSE]

US POSTAGE RATES ---> Postage rates in the US will increase effective 12 May as follows:

First-Class Mail letter (1 oz = 28 gr) \$0.42

First-Class Mail letter (2 oz = 56 gr) \$0.59

First-Class Mail International to Canada and Mexico (1 oz.) \$0.72

First-Class Mail International to all other countries (1 oz.) \$0.94

Complete rates can be found at www.usps.com/prices.

VP6DX ---> Operations from Ducie Island began at 5 UTC on 11 February, with a little "cooking session" (1034 QSOs in four hours and a half) to check out the stations and available antennas. Continuous operations began at 3 UTC on 12 February, with 10,000+ QSOs logged in the first 16 hours.

Please have a look at the frequency table on the website, as some of them have been adjusted.

VP6DX will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest "in a limited fashion":

- Operators are likely to pick a frequency based on band conditions, so VP6DX might not be found on the "normal" CW frequencies on 160, 80, 40, 20 15 and 10 metres
- They will answer ALL callers (USA/VE and others)
- They will not be chasing multipliers and will not be able to handle pass requests
- Operations on non-contest bands/band segments will continue as they have the last few days: split operations, with priority to difficult propagation paths.

The Online Log now contains 47,534 QSOs with 14,398 unique callsigns (latest update 6.14 UTC on 15 February), and the first QSO Statistics based on the log database are now available. It could happen that not all QSOs are in the database, because of difficulties in transferring the data from the island to the server.

Bookmark www.vp6dx.com for complete details and regular updates.

WPX AWARD PROGRAMME: EXPANSION ---> CQ magazine and WPX Awards Manager Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, have announced several changes to the WPX Award program in response to feedback from program participants. The changes, effective immediately, add new bands (60, 30, 17, 12, and 6 metres) and create a new Digital WPX Award. Details on these and other changes will be published in the March 2008 issue of CQ magazine and can be found on the CQ magazine website at http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/WPX_Award_Rules_Mar08221308.pdf

XR7W: ACCIDENT ---> The XR7W team experienced horrible weather conditions on Wager Island (SA-053) They arrived around noon on 9 February and were forced to leave some 24 hours later, after a dreadful stormy night spent trying to operate, communicate with the Chilean Navy and fight against gale force winds and pouring rain. "I had a last frenetic hour on 17m running EU at 5q/min rates under a piece of plastic, hand keying on my knee and paperlogging until the captain gave the final order to leave", Zoli, HA1AG says. XR7W went QRT with some 2400 QSOs in the log.

Once on the mainland, the team had a serious car accident - their van "slipped of the gravel road and hit a rock frontally and turned upside-down".

Zoli and his friends (Vlad/RV1CC, Marco/CE6TBN and Yuri/RA0FU) were hospitalized at Coyhaique, were they were diagnosed with cuts, bruises and several broken bones.

Their first priority at the moment "is to get out from Coyhaique", Zoli says. Damages and additional costs are estimated in excess of 11,000 euros, and "if you can and want to contribute to lessen these damages" please feel free to contact Zoli (halag@yahoo.com).

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***** QSL ROUTES *****

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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
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3D2MD	JN2AMD	H7/NP3D	W3HNC	SV0XAO	DJ5JH
3Z0DN	SP4KIG	HC1MD	K8LJG	T32OU	N7OU
4M5RY	EA5KB	HG80HQ	HA7PL	T32YA	W7YAQ
4S7CZG	JA3CZY	HG8C	HA8EK	T6AB	IT9YVO
4S7RO	DJ9ZB	HH2FYD/6	F6FYD	T77CD	I0MWI
4U1UN	HB9BOU	HI3T	ON4IQ	T88HK	JE6DND
5C5W	EA5XX	HK6F	EA5KB	T88HS	JA6KYU
6W1SJ	T93Y	HK6K	EA5KB	T88SM	JA6EGL
6W7RV	F8CMT	HZ1AN	DJ9ZB	TC2015EXPO	TA3BN
6Y1LZ	K1LZ	HZ1IK	DK7YY	TC800NH	TA1HZ
9M2GCN	JH3GCN	HZ1MD	EA7FTR	TI9KK	EA1DR
9M2TO	JA0DMV	HZ1PS	IZ8CLM	TM4WRC	F4ELU
9V1BY	7N4RHO	HZ1ZH	EA7FTR	V26G	N2ED
9X0W	DK2WV	J79IU	W9IU	V31GW	DK9GG
9X0X	DJ6SI	J79KM	WN9O	V31TB	KT7G
9X0Z	DJ9ZB	J79PC	NF4A	V31UZ	VE3DZ
AT8ESP	VU2JHM	J79PN	N4PN	V31WO	N7WO
AY0DX	LU3DR	J79WI	WI9WI	V31YN	DJ4KW
B4TB	BA4TB	JD1BLY	JI5RPT	V47KP	K2SB
C56JC	ON4LAC	JD1BMO	JE1EKS	V63ME	7N1RTO
C56YK	ON7YK	JW7QI	LA7QI	V63OC	K5ZM
C6AGN	W1DIG	JW8AW	LA8AW	V63TR	K5ZM
C6AKQ	N4BP	KH2/AB2ST	JF1TEU	V63ZM	K5ZM
C6AKU	K5WW	KH2/KB3LTB	JF1TEU	V8AQM	W3HNC
C6AMM	K1CN	KH2/KG6WTW	JF1TEU	VK1ANU	JO2SLZ
C6APG	K4PG	KH6ZM	I0MWI	VK1BNN	JA2BNN
CE1/K7CA	NW7O	KL7OU	NI5DX	VK1JMA	JK2VOC
CM6CAC	EA5KB	LU2ZD	LU4DXU	VP2EMD	WR2DX
CU2DX	CU2AA	NP3U	WP4U	VP6DX	DL6LAU
D2NX	JH7FQK	OD5QB	YO3FRI	VQ5FOC	W9VNE
D4C	IZ4DPV	OJ1ABOA	OH2FFP	XR7A	HA1AG
DP0GVN	DL5EBE	OL600VB	OK2JS	XR7W	HA1AG
DR0X	DL2SD	PC99ADT	PI4APD	XU7AAJ	IW3SNW
DT0HH	DS3FGV	PG6G	PA3GVI	XU7DLH	DK7TF
EA8OM	DJ1OJ	PJ2/N0YY	K9JS	XW1A	E21EIC

EF8M	RX3DU	PW2M	AI4U	XW1B	E21EIC
ES90B	ES4BG	PW2M	PY2AA	[a] YI1RAZ	IK2DUW
ES90G	ES1CW	PZ5AY	W5JAY	YI9PT	N4XP
ES90J	ES1GE	PZ5DD	K8DD	YI9TFZ	KE3TW
ES90N	ES4RD	PZ5TX	KB8TXZ	YN2/EW1AR	W3HNK
ES90Q	ES5RY	PZ5WW	K8DD	YN2G	KC2ATG
ES90V	ES6RMR	R35NP	RW1AI	YN2S	W3HNK
ES90Z	ES0NW	S21XF	LA5YJ	ZF2DS	W3WKP
FK/JA8BMK	JA8UWT	S21ZDT	SM4XIH	ZF2XD	K3IXD
FO/KH0PR	JJ8DEN	SF700BF	SK6NL	ZK2CC	DL4RDJ

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